Criteria for Arjuna Award

2920. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present criteria for conferring Arjuna Award upon players;

(b) whether Government are planning to bring changes in this criteria; and

(c) how many sports personnel have been decorated with this award since its inception, game-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The Government has recently revised Scheme for Arjuna Award for outstanding performance in sports and games. According to this to be eligible for the Award, a sportsperson should have had not only good performance consistently for the previous three years at the international level with excellence for the year for which the Award is recommended but also should have shown qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and a sense of discipline.

(c) Since the inception of Arjuna Awards, 574 sports persons have been decorated with the Arjuna Awards. A list of awardees, game/ sports-wise is enclosed at statement.

Statement

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Discipline-wise details of Arjuna Awardees upto 2000

Sl.No.	Discipline	No. of Awardees
1	2	3
1.	Archery	4
2.	Athletics	66
3.	Badminton	18
4.	Basketball	15
5.	Ball Badminton	6
6.	Boxing	25
7.	Cricket	35
8.	Cycling	3
9.	Equestrian	7
10.	Football	19

1	2	3
11.	Gymnastics	5
12.	Hockey	63
13.	Judo	4
14.	Lawn Tennis	13
15.	Rowing	7
16.	Shooting	22
17.	Table Tennis	18
18.	Swimming	20
19.	Volleyball	20
20.	Weight-lifting	31
21.	Wrestling	30
22.	Yachting	13
	Indigenous games	
23.	Kabaddi	19
24.	Kho-Kho	13
	Paraplegic Sports	
25.	Athletics	10
26.	Badminton	1
27.	Cricket	1
28.	Shooting	1
29.	Swimming	2
	Others	
30.	Bilards & Snooker	10
31.	Body Building	4
32.	Carrom	1
33.	Chess	9
34.	Golf	13
35.	Polo	6
36.	Power-lifting	4
37.	Squash Rackets	6
38.	Mountaineering	27
39.	Adventure Sports	3
	TOTAL:	574